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I think everyone is very frustrated. So whatever the body can do, I think will certainly be beneficial to this entire state. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Stuhr. Senator Burling.

SENATOR BURLING: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I, too, want to thank Senator Johnson for his vision, and I could stand up here and take all my time saying the same things over again, and repeating the same things that my colleagues have said for the last 45 minutes. But repetition probably isn't that important. So I'll just say that we do need to have vision and then plan, and Senator Johnson had many meetings. There's been a lot of planning go into this, and I thank him for that. And some of our colleagues have addressed the funding, and that is very important. We need to build roads where people want to go, and then it takes money to build them. And so the vision, the planning, where to put these expressways, and how to pay for them is all a part of the package. And so I agree with everything that's been said. We need to grow our economy by building roads, because as has already been said, that opens up opportunities for economic development, is by having good ways of transportation. And so I agree with what's been said, and I would, Mr. President, give the rest of my time to Senator Johnson, if he would like it.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Johnson.

SENATOR JOHNSON: Thank you. How much time?

SENATOR CUDABACK: You have about three-and-a-half minutes.

SENATOR JOHNSON: Well, one of the things that I did in working on this problem--and I'm just delighted with the discussion that's going on here this afternoon; it's something that we've been needing to do the whole session. This is the type of reasons that I think this body is in existence, and we ought to take on these issues of how to grow the state, and frankly, I've been disappointed in our candidates for Governor to this point in time, because what we've had is basically three candidates all singing the same song--any cut you can make, I can make